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Mythere for the two days of this distinguished lectureship, the THEME: Signis of Hope for Missions in a Trimbled World.

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II. The Sign of the New Partners

To pummarize what I said yes betay in the first two sermine lectures:

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The Sign of the New Partners. My illustrations are the churches of the third world. My text could be Paul's phrase in his letter to the Philippians, chefter 1, verse 5, "I thank my god... In your partnership in the gospel from the frist day until now." And the lesson for 2012 century world mission is this: Don't try to do it alone.

All my life the Christian chuck has been vulnerable to the charge that frist Islam (the Mohammedans), and then the communists bewelled aparist it with deadly effectiveness: The "Christianity is the while man's religion! It doesn't belong in Africe; it doesn't belong in Asia."

Entry years ogo Islam was telling Agnice: Islam is black; Agnica is black; Agnica and Islam belong together. And for awhile back then, even the most optimistic experts were predicting that in our generation muld go Milhammedan. Forty years go the communists were telling Asia, "Chamtianty is the religious arm of white colonielismi. Don't let it into Asia." And

we watched helplessly as Asia's largest nation - the largest in the und - Chining threw out the Christianis and turned communist. While at the same time the second largest nation in the world, Indie - also an Asian nation - threw out white colomialism, turned in independent, and Hindu and moreasingly hostile to Christian missions.

minim in these last forty years can be measured by a remarkable statistical fact that is not well known. The population of that second largest country in Asia - not the even the largest, only the second largest Asia country - the population of Tridia alone is almost as great as the conting - the population of this whole continents, Aprice and latin America combined. When India and Ching turned against the Chinton organisty mine world mission of the Chintonic chack - the prophets of down quite correctly and persimistically pointed out that we Christianis were losing some than 3 and closer to half of the entire all the people in the smeld.

That was 40 years ago. Christianity was the "White man's religion" - and the propagande value of that p phrase, used pigretwely seemed to be a deathblow to Christian mission.

But strayely unnoticed by the world, in the mystery of Gods printere, a startling change was taking place. A history-bending change. Smetime in 1982, for the first time in more than 1200 years, the dominant off of the global Christian church changed from white to something darker.

There is a chart in the new World Christian Encyclopedia that lists the percentages of Christians in the world by their color, from 30 AD, to 12 2000, extrapolating todays percentages with the next forteen years.

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In 1982 - for the first time white kno were less than 50%, and the
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Phrink what this means for the world in mussing... (p. 14, 13 of Anticlet. #I).

EC43 CHURCHES OF THE THIRD WORLD Mr. Moffett

INTRODUCTION

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What makes it a new fact is that the spreading growth and vitality of the churches of the third world have in the 20th century for the first time in 2,000 years made Christianity a truly universal faith. For the first time in history there is now no single nation in the world without at least a handful of Christians in it. There are still a few small countries which have never had an organized church. And there are some larger ones like North Korea which once had a church in every city but where now not one single organized church remains, so far as we know. But only two countries in the world, according to the World Christian Encyclopedia (pp. 800f.) have no organized church, and in both countries there are isolated, perhaps hidden Christians. Those two are North Korea (pop. 18 million) and Mongolia (pop. 1 million). Some would now add Albania (pop. almost 3 million).

At the end of World War II, in 1945, two-thirds of all Korea's Christians were in the north. Today there is no record of an organized, recognized church there, though one may soon be allowed. Though one was entered by Roman Catholic missionaries in the 13th century, 600 years ago, and by Nestorian missionaries even before that, but when the Protestant missionary James Gilmour entered Mongolia in 1871 he could find no believers there, and when he left 21 years later after incredible hardships and heroic labors there were still no Mongolian Christians. He had worked for 21 years without a single baptism. (p. 495). As for Albania, the Eastern Orthodox Church seems to have survived the oppressions of the world's cruelest communist regime, but is under harsh and rigid control. There are no Protestants to report, though for a short while a Baptist pastor managed to gather a group of about 20 converts together. The last three Roman Catholic bishops disappeared without a trace in 1977. (p. 135).

All the other countries of the world, however, have an organized church. The church at last has circled the globe and however inadequately has "proclaimed the gospel to every nation". We shall later have to take another look at that. The Bible doesn't quite say "every nation". What Jesus commanded it to do in the Great Commission was "make disciples of panta ta ethne" (Tára ta 1847)) which could be more accurately translated "make disciples of every ethnic group" which is quite different and should rid us of the comfortable notion that the church's global task of evangelism, to say nothing of its broader responsibilities, is still unfinished. India, for example, is one nation, but it has 3000 ethnic groups. (McGavran, Ethnic Realities, p. 18)

What Is the Third World? But Before we look more closely at the churches, let me return for a moment to the question with which we started. What is the "third world"? I said I wasn't too happy with the term. Why? Primarily because it doesn't quite fit. I am going to use it because the alternatives are even more awkward. "Two-thirds world"? That's what some people call it, and if you think only in numbers it's reasonably accurate. But it's clumsy, and the world is made up of more than numbers. "Lafricasia"? That's even clumsier, although a great missiologist, Donald McGavran likes to use it, and it does at least describe what we usually mean: Latin America, Africa and Asia, as the "third world". So for want of a better term, I will use "third world",

remembering that "third" in the dictionary doesn't necessary mean <u>less</u> than first or second, or not as important as first and second. One of the dictionary meanings of "third" is simply "one of three", and that is how I will use it.

So what is this "third world"? Ten years ago or more when the term "third world" was fairly new and becoming increasingly popular, the news magazine U.S. News and World Report (March 31, 1975) tried to explain to its readers what "third world" really means. It listed seven characteristics which make the "third world" what it is, and those seven are worth repeating. The article said that 1) the "third world" is not an organization; 2) in numbers of people it is a majority of the world's population; 3) it is economically poor; 4) it is emotionally convinced that it has been cheated by the rich; 5) geographically, in general it is the southern half of the earth; 6) racially, it is the darker-skinned peoples of the world; and 7) politically, it tries hard and rather unsuccessfully to be neutral in the worldwide power struggle that divides the first world from the second world, the democracies from the communists. Let me elaborate a little on these seven points, which are more true than false but never altogether true nor altogether false.

- 1. Is the third world unorganized? Yes. There is no overall alliance of third world nations. Their only global forum of intenational communication is the United Naions, which is why the UN is very precious to them, and why so many are desperately dismayed by its decline. Did you see in this week's papers that the Gen. Secretary of the UN, Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar of Peru, was so pessimistic about the UN's future that like Winston Churchill who declared he was not about to preside over the dissolution of the British Empire, he (Perez de Cuellar) said "I don't see any reason why I should preside over the collaps of [the United Nations]. I don't have to..die with my ship". To the big nations the UN seems unrealistically in the control of little nations without power; and to the little nations, the UN doesn't seem to be able to help them when they most need help, as Mrs. Aquino quite rightly and pointedly noted yesterday. But where would the third world have a world forum for its views without the UN? It's their only structure with a global voice.
- 2. Is the third world the world of the majority? Yes. It really is the "two-thirds world" in numbers of people. If you doubt that, look at the population of the continents. The third world's Asia has 60% of all the people in the world; the first world's North America has only 6%. It is the population factor that is the third world's only realistic claim to global power. It is what enables it to dominate discussion in the UN, much to the annoyance of the first and second worlds. But population has only a fragile hold on power. Population is as much a minus as a plus in today's tragically overpopulated world.

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Think for a minent about what this means for the world Christian mussion in our time. Here are some brief thoughts.

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that we take the third world churches with become an indespenseble part of our the planning and operation.

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II. But colon, as we know, is a very imperfect, highly stylized exiterim for dividing the world's population into categories - they the it is still one of the most prevalent. Another but usdely used category is political. the divide up the world's population by countries. Here too we find a starting change: - In Grey's day

If we measure the spread of Christianity politically by blocs of countries, as of 1980,

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B. Introduction to the Third World Churches.

Both it is the 3rd unld churches which is the primary subject of this course. So before we turn to continental surveys of Moriean, lating American and Asian Christianity, let me make some preliminary observations about the situation of the churches in the third world.

Exist, hand does the chunde compare the Christian chunch is extremely uneverly distributed in the third uned. It's (coming total Xm adherents proceeding of the population, on the tree third-uned continuity ranges hom

1 93.8% in the latin America (348,658,000 of 371,640,000)

9 44.2 1/2 in Africa (203,491,000 of 460,657,000)

5.1 1/2 in Asia. (128,078,000 of 2,514,550,000)

[2] 86,4 % in Oceania (20,299,000 of 23,452,000)

In other words, comparing Asia and latin america the situation - word on soc, pr 7524

is practically mirrin-reversed: latin america about 95%

urminal Christian; Asia about 95% nominal unit Christian
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By way of companion, ferhaps I should add 1st + 2nd world byines: -

2 85.3 % in North America (219, 833,000 & 246, 837,000)
3 85.4 % in Surge (415, 601,000 & 486, 436,000)
5 36.1 % in USSR (96, 727,000 & 268, 115,000)

If we exclude largely Christian (technically Christian) latin America, and examine Asia and Africa a little name closely as to the religions situation on those two continents, it is better perhaps to dinde them into three sections: Africa, South Asia and East Asia.

Africa is almost evenly divided between Churtisms and

Muslims, with Christianis recortly having a slight edge. Before 1970

Muslims had been in the majority. But in 1980 the statistics were

Christians 203 million (203, 490,000) - 44,29, 4 Africa's population

Muslims 190 million (189,725,000) - 41,290 ""

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(World Kn. Suc., p. 782)

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Neliginis graphy is Hindu, with Muslims Second. In 1980 -

Hindus 515 million (515, 368, 100) - 41.2%.
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